



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 2026



Message from our Headteacher



To all our friends,

A very happy Easter to all of you who celebrate. I hope that everyone manages to spend some time relaxing and enjoying good company over the holiday period. Although Term 4 is a fairly short one, I know that we were all (children and adults alike!) ready for a break. When we look at all that was accomplished, it is no surprise that everyone was tired.

This term, as well as all the fabulous curriculum learning, we have had lots of fun-filled 'extras'. Whilst they are deemed as 'extra-curricula' we consider these experiences as an essential part of our wider curriculum and provide our pupils with experiences and opportunities beyond the core academic learning offer.

In Term 4 we have had:

- Bluebell and Primrose Class singing in a choir of nearly 9,000 children at the O₂ as part of the Young Voices choir tour.
- World Book Week with dressing up, bedtime stories and other book based fun.
- A visiting theatre company putting on a production of The Railway Children for the whole school.
- Forest school inspired outdoor learning for all classes
- Swimming sessions for Snowdrop Class.
- Road safety sessions for Honeysuckle Class.
- Red Nose Day dress up and Talent Shop
- An animal rescue company come to visit Bramble and Honeysuckle Classes. The children got to see and hold lots of wonderful animals.
- Our Leading Lights (spiritual prefects) leading an assembly.
- A small choir of children singing with a large adult choir and professional musicians. They sang the complicated piece 'Carmina Burana' as well as a piece on their own.
- Snowdrop and Bluebell Classes performing their Easter production

Wow! We are looking forward to next term to see what wonders that brings. Our term will start with excitement as we welcome the Bishop of Tonbridge, Rt Rev Simon Burton-Jones to our school for a visit.

We are hoping to see lots of you at our biennial Art Festival on 9th May at St John the Baptist Church.

Best wishes to you all,

Debbie Johnson

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)

WELCOME



By the time we come back to school after Easter, our new September starters will have received their letters to join our school. We are so excited to meet them all and have some new starter activities for them:

28th April - Stay and Play Session

17th June - New parents information evening

24th June - Teddy Bears' picnic

2nd July - New entrants' stay and play

9th July - New entrants' stay and play.



We do have some spaces in next year's reception cohort, so if you know of someone who is not happy with their allocation, send them our way!

Learning, growing, achieving... our journey together with God.

Nurture Camp

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy term here in Nurture Camp.

This term, our wonderful Honeysuckle class completed their road safety training with Kevin Long, from the Small Steps charity, supported by KCC, and they did amazingly well. Super proud.



The Wellbeing Team



Catherina Henry
Family Liaison Officer



Rachel Bryant
SENCo



Next term, I am very excited to be working towards improving nutrition as a new whole school approach, information to follow.

As always, it is a pleasure to work with your wonderful children, and I look forward to continue this in the new term.

If I can support your family in any way, please contact me at chenry@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk

Some reminders

Thank you for making Mrs Mullen so welcome here on her first term in the office.

Due to recent issues with the phone lines, please remember to use Class Dojo to message us in the office.



Parents with outstanding balances for trips have been contacted.

Please make payments as soon as you can or contact us.



Please remember to follow a balanced diet for packed lunches. No sweets please!



During Term 4, Snowdrop went to Larkfield for swimming lessons. Please do finalise payments for this on School Gateway. From Term 5 onwards, Bluebell will be doing swimming lessons. Please bring back consent forms and make payments on School Gateway.



Summer Uniform



When we return after the Easter Holiday, children can wear summer uniform. Summer dresses or playsuits should be navy gingham.



Please make sure playsuits are not too tight to run around and sit in! White polo shirts and grey tailored shorts can also be worn. Shoes should still be black leather-style school shoes, no sandals or canvas shoes. Children all need a sunhat to wear outside and a lightweight waterproof coat (can be kept at school).



Dates For You Diary

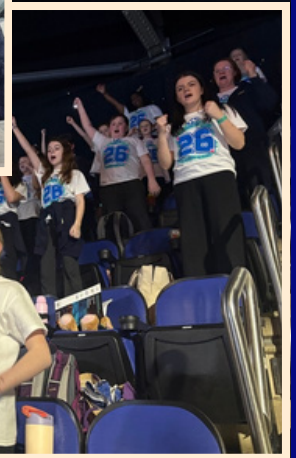
- 20th April - Pupils return to school
- 21st April - Visit from Bishop Simon
- 4th May - Bank Holiday
- 9th May - School Art Exhibition
- w/b 11th May - Year 6 SATs
- 22nd May - Own clothes day
- 22nd May - Last Day of Term 5
- 1st June - INSET Day
- 2nd June - Pupils return to school
- 5th June - Class photographs
- 7th June - Village fete
- 17th June - New parents info evening
- 3rd July - Sports Day
- 8th July - Open afternoon & concert
- 20th July - Y6 leavers service
- 21st July - Last day of term

Check the weekly update letter for more dates.



Music & Performance

Term 4 has been a busy one for music, singing and different performances as you can see from these photos.. Singing and music are a big part of who we are at Wateringbury!



In the first week one term, children from Bluebell and Primrose Class joined over 8,000 other children at the O₂ arena in London for the Young Voices Choir concert. It is a long day and a very late night but so enjoyable and an experience the children will never forget!



To support Comic Relief, we held a Talent Show. Children auditioned in their classrooms and the winning acts performed to the school on the day itself. We were entertained with a fantastic range of acts including dancers, gymnastics, cheerleading, karate, singing, magic and piano playing. The whole event was expertly compered by our Head Boy and Head Girl.



A small group of children were invited to sing the 'ragazzi' (children's choir) part of Carmina Buran with the East Malling Singers. To sing with professional soloists and musicians is a great experience. The children were beautifully behaved and performed brilliantly.



Our children in Snowdrop and Bluebell Classes put on a fantastic Easter Performance with some very dramatic songs, great acting and beautiful solo singers. It was a lovely start to Holy Week.

We are looking forward to more singing next term and are restarting our choir. Please come and join us!



Bramble Class

Term 4 has been a very busy term and the children have been making lots of progress in all areas of their learning. Our theme this term has been 'Amazing Animals' and we have been reading about animals from around the world and learning about their characteristics.



We have been investigating the lifecycles of different living things. This term, we have been looking after some caterpillars and watching them grown. We now have 10 cocoons and are waiting for our butterflies to hatch out!

Reception experienced their first World Book week at Wateringbury. They really enjoyed dressing up and enjoyed different role play games on the playground based on all their characters.



This term in maths, we have had a big focus on measurements. Reception have been learning to tell the time and are now very confident at reading time to o'clock and half past.



To support our learning about animals, we had a visit from Jerry at Our Amazing Animals. We got to hold different animals and learnt about their diet and habitats.



TERM 4

Honeysuckle Term 4

Year 2 have been working on writing a setting description inspired by *The Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo. The children used prepositions, expanded noun phrases, and similes to produce some fantastic pieces of writing.

This term, we have also enjoyed learning about different animal groups and their features. We were lucky to have a visit from the Animal Man, who spoke to us about these groups and brought along some animals for us to see in real life.

In addition, the children have been exploring the weather in the UK and how it changes with the seasons. We have kept a weather diary, recording daily measurements of wind, temperature, and weather conditions.

Our termly school event this term was the Talent Show. A huge well done to Maisie and Jacob for having the courage to perform. Maisie with her gymnastics and Jacob on the piano in front of the whole school - something that's not easy to do!



TERM 4

SNOWDROP CLASS

Easter production

This term the children have been rehearsing for the Easter production. I think you'd all agree with how beautiful their singing is and it shows all of their hard work!



Reminders

P.E days :

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Friday 22nd May

Year 3 Sleepover

Details to be confirmed

Swimming

We have had a lovely time at swimming this term. The children have all made so much progress from our first session at the pool. Well done to the children for achieving their different swimming awards.

P.E

In our OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) unit we have been focusing on teamwork. Here, (pictured below) we are working as a team to order ourselves in different ways, without falling off the bench!



BLUEBELL NEWSLETTER

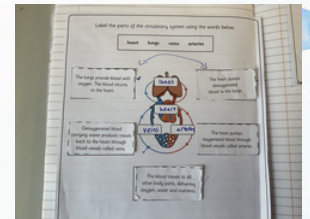
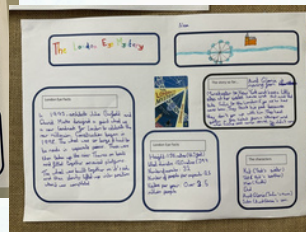
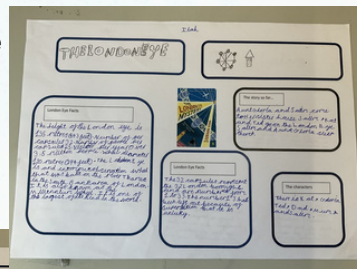
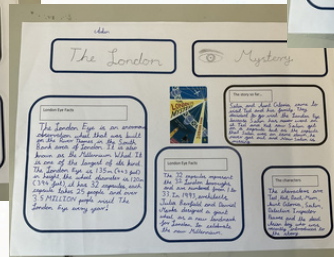
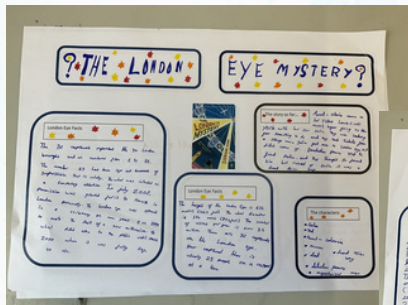
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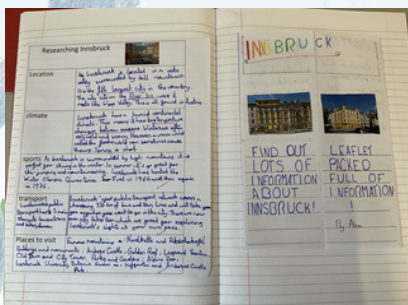
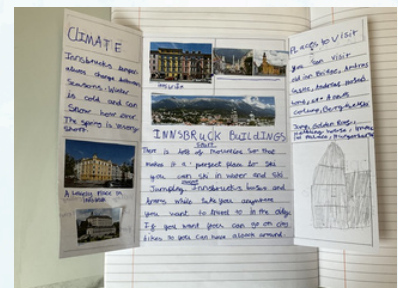
Bluebell Class have been reading the book *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd. We have discussed the book in detail looking at the characters and events. In our English lessons we have built on the work started last year about the book *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan.

This term we have started to learn about the circulatory system. We know that the heart pumps blood around the body delivering oxygen, nutrients and water to our organs and muscles.



Geography

We have continued our work on the Alps by finding out about Innsbruck in Austria. We then compared it to Watlingtonbury. There were many differences.



Primrose News

SPRING 1 EDITION

What happened this term...

by Cybil and Rhiannon

English

This term our English has been based on the book 'The Arrival'. We started by writing a narrative about the main character and his story. Then we wrote about the girl's story as a slave. This book is a picture book so it let our imaginations go wild. We got to create our own creature using a mix of animals such as elephants, lions, cats, octopus and more. With these creatures, we created a non-chronological report.

Maths

In maths, we have been doing fractions and decimals. With decimals, we have multiplied by 10, 100 and 1000; we have also added and subtracted decimals. With fractions, we have been multiplying and dividing fractions by a whole number, mixed number and fractions.

Art

In art this term we have been doing activist art. We made posters; we were inspired by the artwork of Luba Lukova. Our posters were about things we wanted to tell the world like: climate change, use your voice, save the trees, extinction and social media.

Computing

In computing, we have been building our own websites, together or solo. We chose lots of different themes such as: animals, sports, charities, comics and fashion. We used google sites to create them all.

RE

This term we have been doing humanism and how they live. We looked at the difference between Christians and humanists. We also looked at how humanists are spiritual.



Art



Our Snowy Day

I have really enjoyed writing the non-chronological reports of our creature. It allowed us to use our imagination which I loved.
-Gus-

My favourite thing this term was forest school. We had lots of fun outside.
-Bonnie

My favourite thing from this term was watching some of the winter olympics.
-Rory

I enjoyed learning about coding in computing.
-Alfie

Have a wonderful half term!
Miss Colyer x